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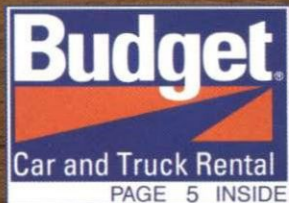
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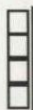
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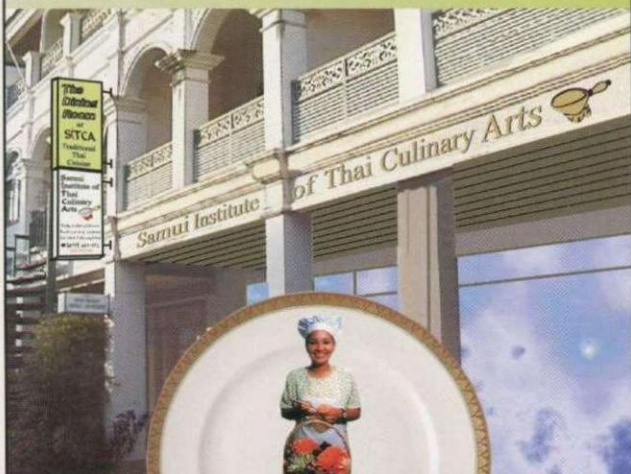
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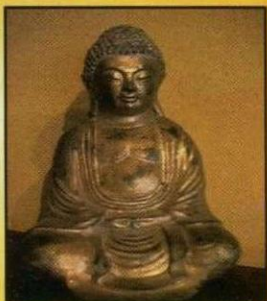
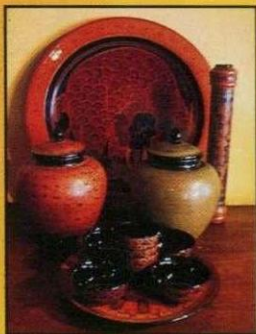
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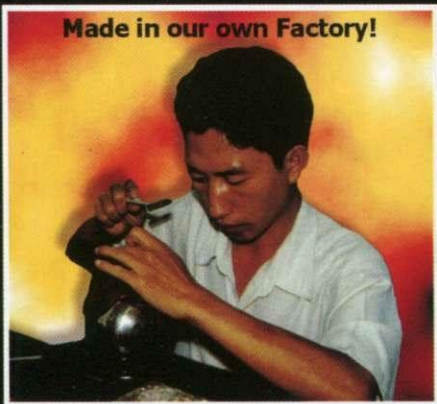
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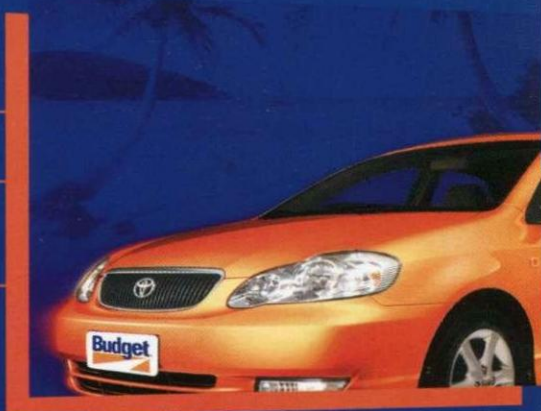
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# The Samui Guide

## Orientating yourself in Samui

Koh Samui with its white sandy beaches, lush tropical foliage and cool blue waters was first discovered by backpackers in the early 1970's when a thatched hut without running water & electricity was regarded as heaven-on-earth.

With infrastructure and development pressing forward, Koh Samui is quickly becoming the Riviera of South East Asia. Even so, the island is so gifted with an incredibly rich variety of beaches, bays, capes and coves that despite its rapid development, it is still able to maintain the classical image of a tropical beach fringed by coconut palms.

Visitors to Samui can be sure to enjoy an enviable mix of pace and tranquility across different parts of the island through a myriad of accommodation types, entertainment venues, health and lifestyle retreats, water sports, action activities, sight seeing and dining possibilities.

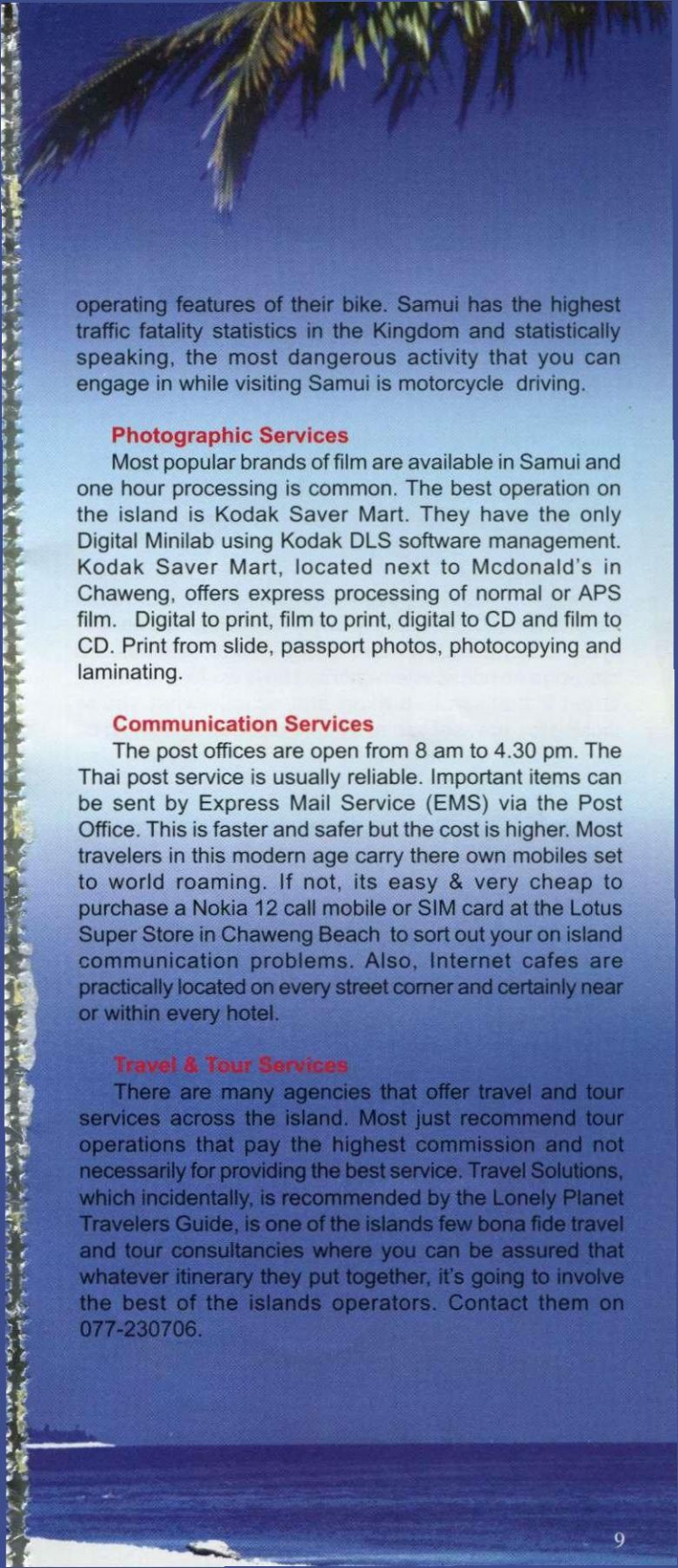
### Getting Around

The main mode of public transport is covered by red pick-up trucks called Songtao's. The fare ranges from 20 Baht depending on the distance you wish to cover.

The official taxi service time is until 21:00 hours after of which there are plenty of "supposedly" metered taxis willing to separate you from your hard earned cash. Negotiate before boarding!

A more flexible way to get around would be to rent a motorcycle at 200 Baht a day or a jeep for 800 Baht plus depending on the model. When renting a bike, make sure everything on the vehicle is functional. Make note on the contract of any dents, scratches or missing parts before you drive off with the vehicle to avoid disputes on return. Be aware, the roads of Koh Samui are a harsh training ground for those who do not understand the





operating features of their bike. Samui has the highest traffic fatality statistics in the Kingdom and statistically speaking, the most dangerous activity that you can engage in while visiting Samui is motorcycle driving.

### **Photographic Services**

Most popular brands of film are available in Samui and one hour processing is common. The best operation on the island is Kodak Saver Mart. They have the only Digital Minilab using Kodak DLS software management. Kodak Saver Mart, located next to Mcdonald's in Chaweng, offers express processing of normal or APS film. Digital to print, film to print, digital to CD and film to CD. Print from slide, passport photos, photocopying and laminating.

### **Communication Services**

The post offices are open from 8 am to 4.30 pm. The Thai post service is usually reliable. Important items can be sent by Express Mail Service (EMS) via the Post Office. This is faster and safer but the cost is higher. Most travelers in this modern age carry there own mobiles set to world roaming. If not, its easy & very cheap to purchase a Nokia 12 call mobile or SIM card at the Lotus Super Store in Chaweng Beach to sort out your on island communication problems. Also, Internet cafes are practically located on every street corner and certainly near or within every hotel.

### **Travel & Tour Services**

There are many agencies that offer travel and tour services across the island. Most just recommend tour operations that pay the highest commission and not necessarily for providing the best service. Travel Solutions, which incidentally, is recommended by the Lonely Planet Travelers Guide, is one of the islands few bona fide travel and tour consultancies where you can be assured that whatever itinerary they put together, it's going to involve the best of the islands operators. Contact them on 077-230706.

### **Tipping and Bargaining**

Although tipping is not expected or required in most cases, it is considered a nice gesture to leave a small amount when you receive good service. The average monthly income of the employee serving you is probably around the 100 US\$ mark!

Most restaurants, bars, supermarkets, department stores, pharmacies, public transport and larger hotels do not offer discounts and you may have to pay a surcharge for using your credit card. On the other hand, nearly any independent small business, from jewelry stores to street vendors are open to bargaining. A discount cannot be taken for granted right from the start so all discussions should be done in a friendly manner.

### **Getting Laid**

Again, be careful! Sexually transmitted diseases such as STD's & AIDS are prevalent in Thailand. It's hard to imagine but central Chaweng and Lamai Beaches are crawling with northeastern girls and boys working an angle. Great if that's your thing and exactly what you're looking for, not so if you're sincere and naive. Nothing is, as it seems so keep an open mind, be friendly and stay focused whether you're partaking or not.

### **Criminality**

Penalties for drug offences are very severe in Thailand so do not get involved with drugs offered in the less reputable entertainment areas or venues.

Any tourist destination across the world attracts the countries criminal element. In Samui its usually in the form of break & enter or purse / bag snatching. Be very aware when carrying your valuables on you to keep them close and held tightly. A favorite trick is to have them snatched from you as they drive by on a motorcycle.

Overall your personal safety is well taken care of in Samui and the tourist police demonstrate a polite and competent attitude all around. By traveling with confidence, being aware and showing the proper caution, you will surely enjoy your stay.







# *The Samui Pub Guide*

Entertainment venues on Koh Samui are a dime a dozen. Nearly every street corner, road or alleyway has some form of beer bar where you can buy a drink, a girl or anything else you might possibly fancy! The trick of it all is in finding a place of discerning quality where you're going to be made to feel welcome rather than worrying about what type of angle or spin the owner is trying on.

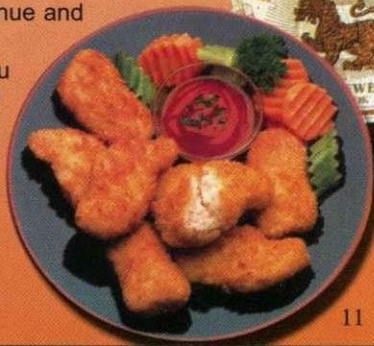
Fortunately for us, Samui does have these venues. Our definition of a good pub as opposed to a beer bar is simple. A good pub has atmosphere. It's clean, comfortable and has decent toilets. It's a place where you can order a good quality meal at a reasonable price, watch international sporting events live, chew the fat with an affable proprietor or just hang with friends or partners in a hassle free environment. You'll find a number of these great Pubs in Chaweng, Fisherman's Village Bophut and one in Lamai.

## **Chaweng Beach.**

Black Jack is run by Luke Boag and his partner Dave. Their amiable personalities and genuine interest in people makes them the focal point of the angled long bar that they hold court in. They make everyone feel welcome and bring complete strangers together in conversation. Black Jack is a true English Sports Pub showing all major sporting events live including the English premiership.

The Three Monkeys is named after its owners Pat, Jod and Dome. This immaculately decked out bar and restaurant is designed to attract a diverse crowd of people catering to all nationalities. Guests can enjoy free pool and Internet facilities, great food and listen to live music on Tuesdays & Thursday. Definitely a quality venue and well worth a visit.

There is not a lot you can say about Tropical Murphy's except that it packs them in day after day. Located directly across from





McDonalds in Chaweng Beach, Tropical Murphy's is the best Irish Pub on the Island. Proprietor Paul Watson and his Manager Derek run a tight ship that keeps the snooker balls racked, the Guinness flowing, the meals hot and the sports live on the big screen.

The Irish Embassy, another Paul Watson enterprise is run by Paul's sister Jackie. The Irish Embassy is located directly behind the Samui International Dive School at the Malibu Resort and caters to those discerning travelers who are looking for a romantic, personal pub with quality fixtures, fittings, drinks and food.

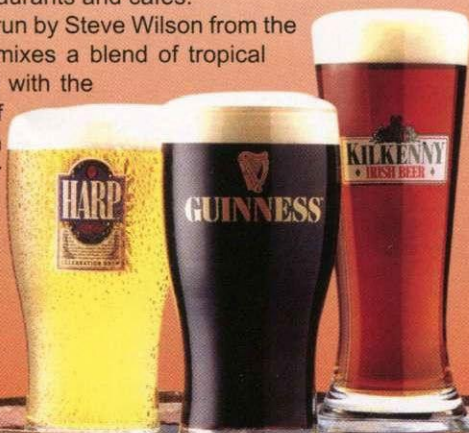
The Islander, an English Pub / Restaurant is an institution on Koh Samui. You don't reference the Islander to any other business or location, you reference them to The Islander. Denis Hodgeson, the owner / proprietor, is one of the most successful restaurateurs on the island and the Islander is testament to his skills in the business. Quality English fare, live sports on the big screen, pool and darts upstairs.

If you're looking to kick on and enjoy the night raging then you'll find plenty of action in and around Soi Green Mango and the Green Mango Club as well as out across the lake at Soi Reggae Pub. These two covered yet open air dance clubs are the most popular rave venues on the island.

### **Fisherman's Village, Bophut**

No noise pollution, no girly bars, no hassles! The Fisherman's Village, secluded away in Bophut at the north end of the island has gained the well-deserved reputation as the most romantic destination on the island, and it is here, in the past year and a half, that three great pubs have sprung up along the waterfront as well as a number of quality restaurants and cafes.

The Pub, run by Steve Wilson from the Isle of Man, mixes a blend of tropical beach setting with the atmosphere of a true English Sports Bar





showing all major sporting events live including the English Premier League, 6 Nations Rugby and Formula 1 Grand Prix. The Pub, superbly fitted out, is famous for its Tuesday night BBQ's which attract a large expatriate following.

The Frog and Gecko English Pub, run by Graham & Rafael is recommended by the Lonely Planet travelers guide. This little tropical watering hole is famous for its Wednesday Night Pub Quiz competitions, its wide selection of music from the 60's, 70's and 80's and all sporting events shown live on the big screen. A must do during your stay here.

The Billabong Sports Club run by Aussie Spike Jones is an oasis to any desert traveler. Immaculately furnished with lots of Australian sporting memorabilia, the Billabong Sports Club is one of the premier venues on the Island. Outstanding Australian and English fare served on dinosaur plates, a loveable larrikin as your host and great views across to Koh Phangan.

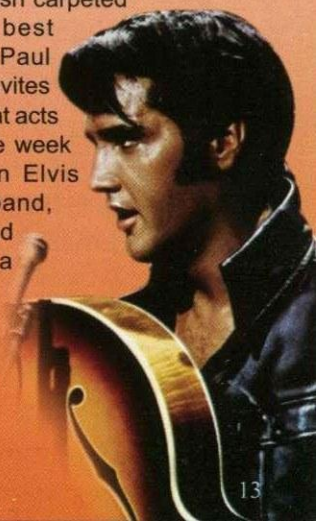
### **Lamai Beach**

Lamai's entertainment scene is as equally vivid, if not more so, than Chaweng Beach's Reggae Pub and Green Mango Areas. The Bauhaus, Lamai's main dance club holds center court to a multitude of Beer Bars that spiral out into a sailors candyland and all within walking distance from each other.

Right at the hub, and incidentally, located directly across from the Bauhaus you'll find the Siam Bar and Grill which is the island's premier dinner club. This fully air-conditioned venue set in plush carpeted surrounds offers you the best entertainment on the island. Paul Hawkins, the owner and MC invites you to supper as a variety of great acts entertain you every night of the week including the Ritchie Newton Elvis Show, their Beatles tribute band, Lisa's Cabaret Show, Ladies Mud Wrestling (this is great fun) & a Polynesian Dance Show.



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4. What male voice is between Bass and Tenor?
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6. What device measures atmospheric pressure?
7. Which sport do the Buffalo Bills play?
8. What is the name of the Simpsons dog?
9. What is the collective word for a group of rhinos?
10. If you saw a car with the letters "CH" on it, which country would it come from?
11. What instrument did Harpo Marx play?
12. In Greek mythology who fell in love with his own reflection?
13. What is the capital of Nepal?
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15. What name is given to a whale's breathing organs?

This Quiz is a Mensa Free Zone

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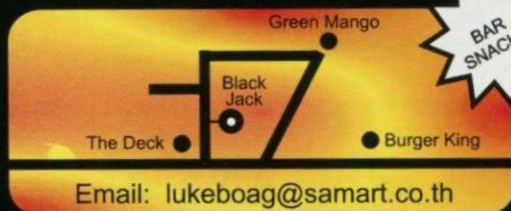


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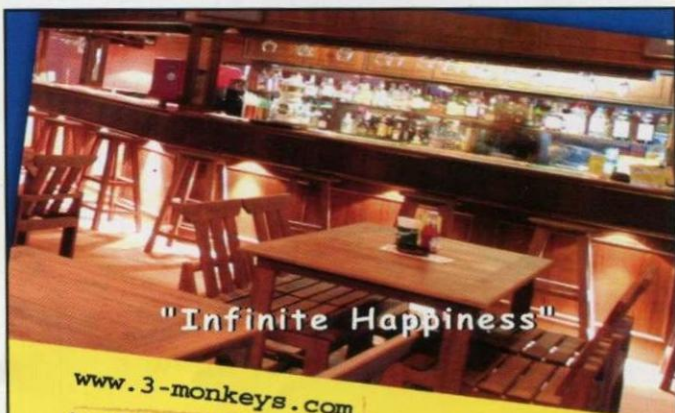
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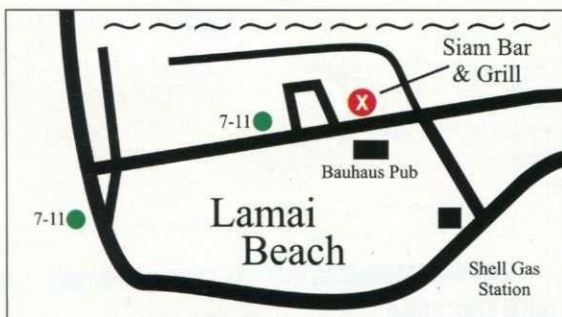
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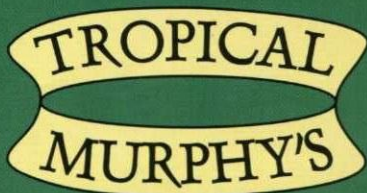


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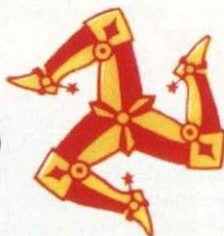
We offer cold draught & bottled beers, liquors, spirits, cocktails, Thai dishes and western favorites like steaks, fillets, burgers, hotdogs, fish and chips, soups and salads, fried chicken, plus tasty sandwiches.

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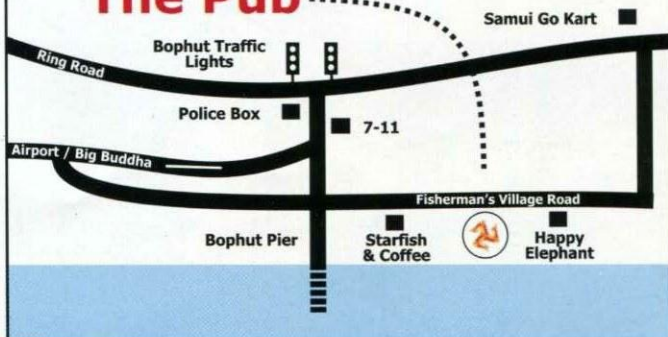


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## *Health & Spas*

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### **The Health Oasis Resort**

Located in Bang Po on Koh Samui's North Coast is one such resort. The resort is like a health retreat. Comfortable, air-conditioned rooms, vegetarian food, herbal and aroma steam rooms, health programs, alternative medicine and therapy's. Mel and Manta, the owners are forming a holistic community intent on living, healing, learning, training, working and raising children. The resort is a great place to initiate a process of rejuvenation through fasting, deep cellular colon cleansing, weight loss, Thai massage, yoga, meditation, Reiki, traditional medicine and Thai cooking.

### **The Spa and the Spa Samui Village**

Located in Lamai is another such operation. The original and first spa / health destination on Koh Samui. The owner Guy Hopkins was one of a few visionaries who helped pave the way for Koh Samui as a Health Retreat destination. Both operations are well know for their "clean me out" fasting programs and have been helping people take care of themselves for years. The resort offers a large variety of health practices for you to participate in including yoga, meditation, classical Thai massage, Chi Gung, herbal steam rooms and foot reflexology. They also offer fantastic vegetarian food, wonderful salads and health drinks.



### Ban Sabai

For those of you who want a great day spa where you can kick back and relax, take a herbal sauna, relax in the Jacuzzi, get a Thai Massage with the option of more involved body treatments then Ban Sabai is your place. Located on the Beachfront in Bang Rak, Bophut, Ban Sabai is set in a lush tropical garden of ferns, wooden pathways, terracotta and sandstone carvings interlaced with Buddha images and art objects. Palm fronds droop all around as you wind your way through to beach and the Massage Sala's. Tel: 077- 245175 for more information.

### Centara Spa

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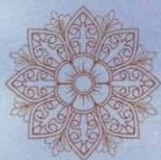
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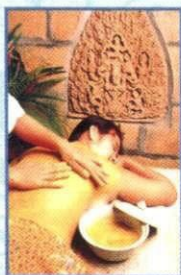


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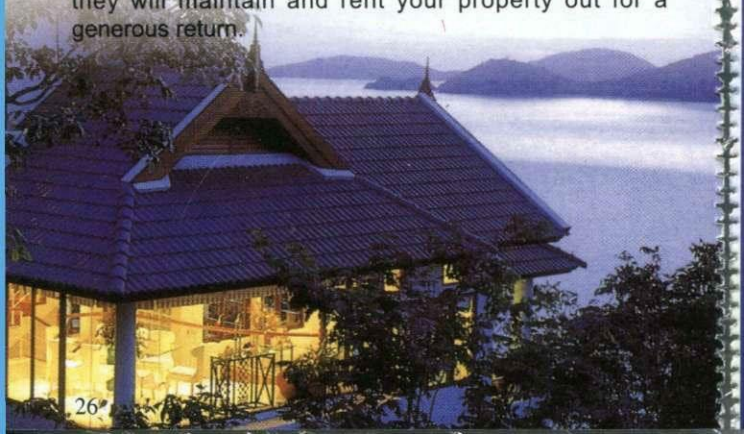
Not all expatriate residents base themselves here permanently, some with active businesses interests choose to withdraw to their island sanctuary 3 to 6 months a year to kick back and recharge before heading back into the lions den so to speak. Others simply calculated what they have against what it would take to move here permanently, take the plunge and begin living the dream.

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With an International Marina on the drawing board, Bangkok Airways constant fleet expansion and the Samui Golf Course under construction one can only draw the conclusion that Koh Samui is in a phase of rapid and prolonged development.

There is also a number of major hotel chains developing projects around the island, the recently open Tesco Lotus Superstore, the Chaweng Beach lakeside and one way traffic system project and Lamai Beaches new IT Centre.

Any discerning buyer come investor would naturally have a lot of questions about what it takes to own a piece of paradise. The answers to these questions are simple and straightforward. Yes, you can excerpt control over your own land and the developers do offer property management services so that for the duration you're away they will maintain and rent your property out for a generous return.





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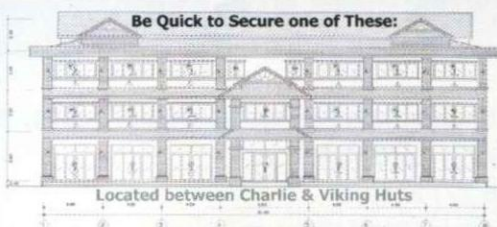
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Koh Samui's natural environment is one of its biggest attractions. Mountainous jungle terrain shrouded by high canopy, lush tropical ferns & palm fronds, coconut plantations, white sandy beaches, granite boulders and outcroppings, clear cool azure waters, splendid waterfalls and ponds.

As you make your way around the island you'll find a number of popular attractions. Since Samui has a circular ring road your starting point can be anywhere and you just navigate your way around the island until you arrive back at your starting point.

## Hin Ta Hin Yai

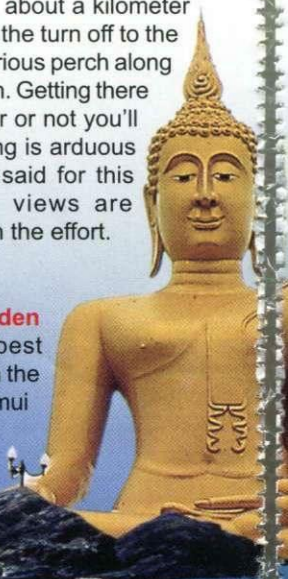
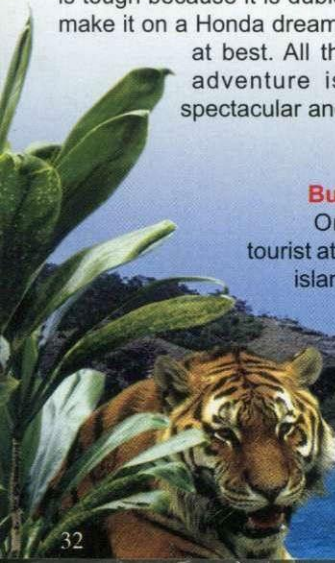
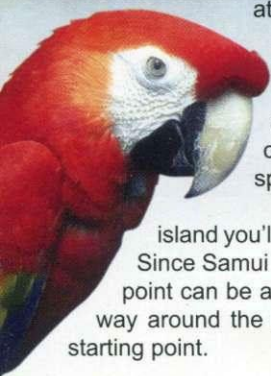
Located about 1 km south out of Lamai, these are two famous granite stones that stand out amongst the numerous outcroppings dotted along Samui's coastline. The rocks, named Grandfather and Grandmother respectively are shaped like male and female genitalia and said to be the origin of the "Mui people". Once on the rocks the scenery is spectacular but getting there entails running a gauntlet of tacky souvenir and gift shops.

## The Overlap Stone


Further along from Hin Ta Hin Yai, about a kilometer on the north side of the road you'll find the turn off to the Overlap Stone. This rock holds a precarious perch along a sheer cliff top high above Lamai Beach. Getting there is tough because it is dubious whether or not you'll make it on a Honda dream and walking is arduous at best. All that can be said for this adventure is that the views are spectacular and well worth the effort.

## Butterfly Garden

One of the best tourist attractions on the island is the Samui







Butterfly Garden home to dozens of species of brilliantly colored lepidopterans. Set in the hillside directly across from the Central Samui Village the garden spans 2800 square meters. A small entrance fee of 150 Baht per adult and 80 Baht per child will allow you to walk amongst a myriad of color and wonder.

### **Samui Aquairum**

The Samui Aquarium, located at the Samui Orchid Resort is Thailand's only privately owned salt water aquarium and houses many of the amazing sea creatures found in the waters around Thailand. The Samui Orchid resort is also home to some beautiful Asian Bengal & Leopard Tigers. Their new "All Stars Birds and Bengal Tiger Show starts daily at 1.30pm and is well worth a visit. Located again at Laem Set, the Aquarium is an attraction that can be done in conjunction with the Butterfly Garden.

### **Na Muang Waterfalls**

The Na Muang waterfalls, so named because of their purple rock face are located further west of Laem Set, about half way between Lamai and Nathon and just off the ring road to the north. Easily assessable and just a short walk over rocks and tree roots under a jungle canopy of diffused light will bring you to a large pool at the base of Na Muang 1. Na Muang 2 is a slightly longer walk, about 10 minutes but probably Samui's best waterfall and shouldn't be missed.

### **Nathon**

Nathon, the unofficial capital of Koh Samui, is located on the north west point of the island. A nice esplanade with plenty of shopping, cafes, a market and restaurants it's an interesting place to spend an afternoon browsing.

### **Pra Yai or the Big Buddha**

Thailand's population is 95% Buddhist and Buddhism permeates their culture at nearly every level. Wherever you travel throughout Thailand you come across magnificent shrines and Samui is no exception. The Big Buddha is probably Samui's most famous landmark. This 12 meter golden image sits proudly at the northeast point of the Island and is visible from several kilometers away.



# **ACTION ACTIVITIES**

If you're the type of person that needs an adrenalin rush every now and then or just want to get the blood pumping then there are plenty of Action Activities in Samui to participate in.

## **Scuba Diving**

Your best options for Diving are Samui Big Blue whose newly opened Dive Resort just off the ring road near the Bangkok Airways office offers you accommodation and training rolled in one neat package. Easy Divers is another option. One of Samui's most well known & respected operators Easy Divers guarantees you a fun and safe diving experience.

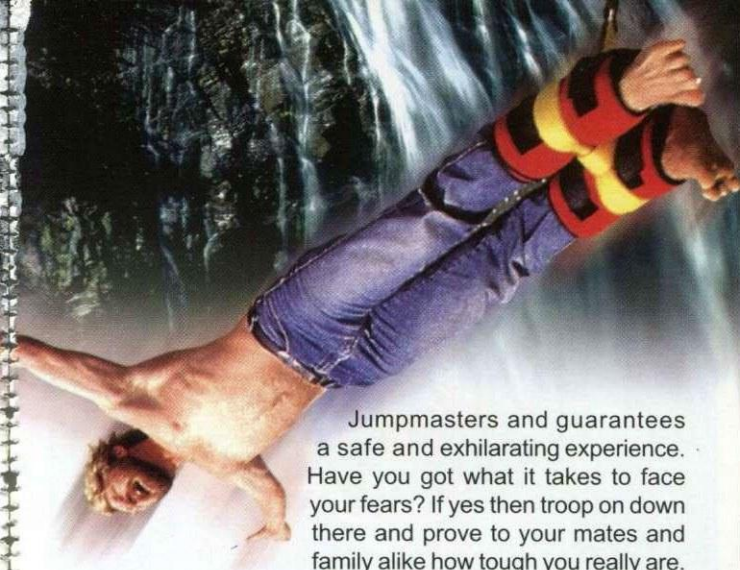
## **Kayaking & Sailing**

If you're looking for action on top of the water then Samui Ocean Sports and Blue Stars Kayaking are the island's premier tour operators. Samui Ocean Sports located on the beach in front of the Chaweng Regent Resort offers beach kayaking, windsurfing, catamarans and even a splendid sail boat for charter. Blue Stars specializes in kayaking and snorkeling trips to the Angthong National Marine Park where you'll explore hidden tidal lagoons, hike to see the emerald lake and camp overnight (their 2 day trip) on the BEACH made famous by Alex Garland's book and the subsequent Hollywood movie starring Leonardo De Caprio.

## **Bungy Jumping**

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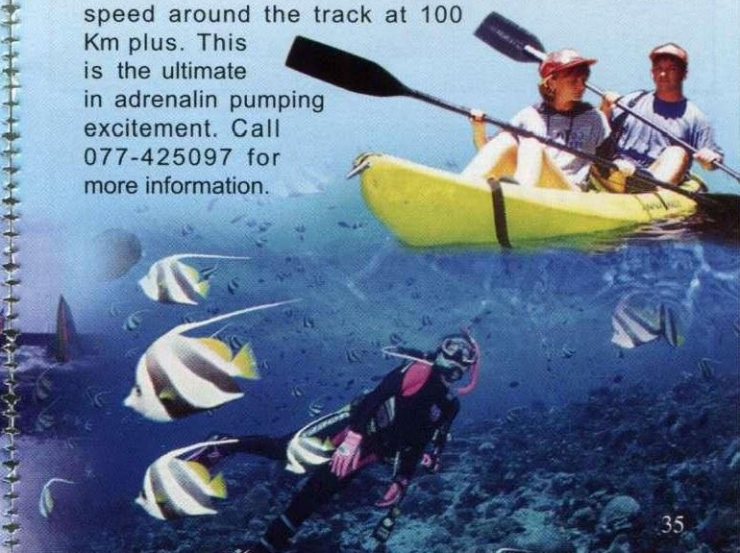
If not, or if you find that it looks too daunting then you could always opt for the rocketman catapult where you sling shot up to 50 meters in a harness and come down like a jump.

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## Butterfly Garden

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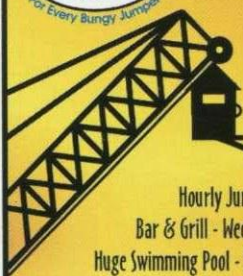
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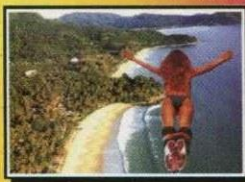
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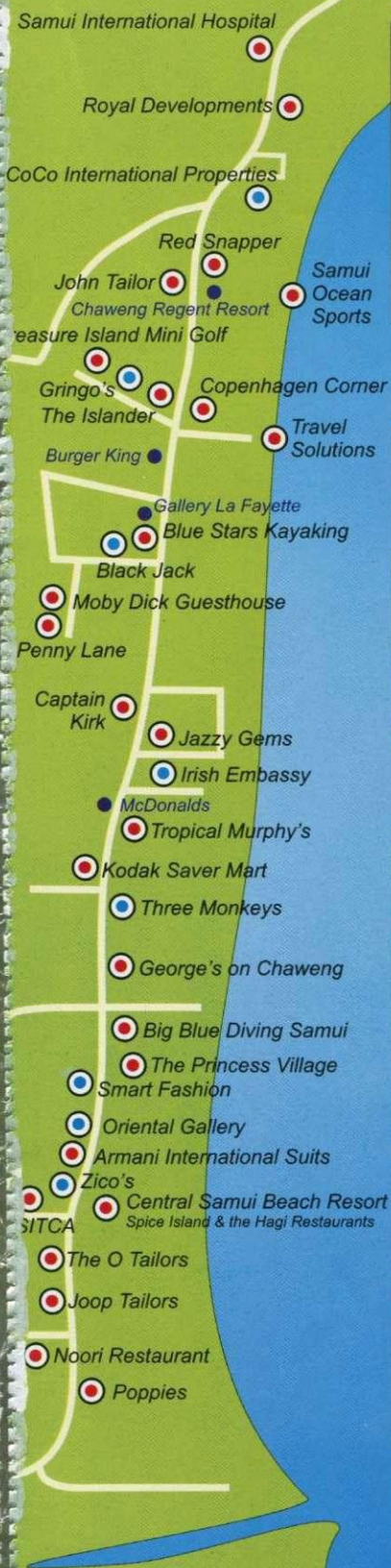
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The Blue Banana

# The Samui Dining Guide

One of the greatest joys of your on Samui, may prove to be the variety of superb dining options that are available. You will find most popular international dishes to hand, along with fusion mixes that are truly tantalising.

Seafood is supplied in abundance and diners should consider trying at least some local specialties. Also, be sure not to forsake the higher-end kitchens, as some of the best dining and ambience can be found at top resorts.

## **East Meets West**

The Captain's Choice, at the Imperial Boathouse, offers modern Italian cuisine fused with Royal Thai, with a twist of fresh seafood.

Meanwhile, at the Chaweng Regent Resort's Chom Talay restaurant, experience the best of both worlds with a fusion buffet prepared by a Swiss chef.

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## **Brazilian, Thai & Japanese**

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## **Pub Grub**

The food provided within Samui's pubs is exceptionally good value. Chaweng Beach's Three Monkeys, Tropical Murphy's, The Islander and The Irish Embassy all offer generous servings of English and international fare at very reasonable prices. At Fisherman's Village in Bophut, Billabong Surf Club is one of the island's premier pubs, partly justified by its extensive selection of food.

## **Mediterranean**

If you're in search of something out of the ordinary, pay a visit to Captain Kirk on Chaweng Beach Road. It may have a weird name, but it features red-hot cuisine, prepared by a Flemish master chef. Most impressive is baked seafood in garlic, grilled seafood, or lamb skewers. Villa Bianca, at Fisherman's Village, offers exquisite Mediterranean dining, with a good mix of southern French and Italian specialties.

## **Tex / Mex**

Gringo's Cantina, behind The Islander, offers the island's





best assortment of US and Mexican fare. The menu includes everything from enchiladas, burritos and fajitas, to roasted chicken, barbequed spare ribs and a unique selection of freshly grilled hamburgers.

### **Indian**

For truly authentic Indian cuisine, Noori Indian Restaurant is the only place to go. The menu features mouth-watering delights from India and the Middle East, such as chicken tikka masala, lamb rogan josh and shami kebab, to name but a few.

### **Italian**

If you're after genuine Italian cuisine, there is a lovely little Italian restaurant at Fisherman's Village called Alla Baia. Home-made pasta and pizza specialties are complemented by superb views to Koh Phangan.

### **Seafood**

For great ocean fare, ensure ultimate freshness by selecting your dinner from one of the tanks at Fisherman's Village Restaurant, within the Oriental Samui Resort at Big Buddha Beach.

### **Bakeries**

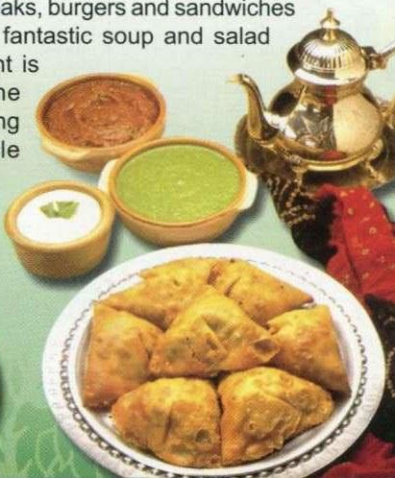
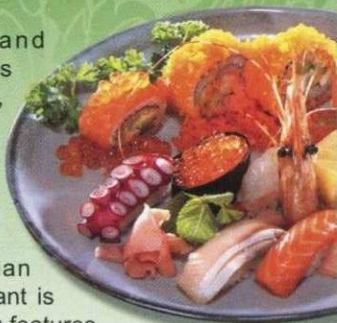
As far as island bakeries go, there are three worth mentioning. Il Mulino, behind World Gym on Chaweng's ring road, offers all your favourite Italian breads, meats and cheeses. Angela's Bakery, in Maenam, and Angela's Harbourside Café, at Fisherman's Village, both offer a selection of bread, bagels, scones, pies, pretzels, muffins, cheesecakes, cold meats and home-made chocolate treats.

### **Vegetarian**

For authentic vegetarian food, dine at the Health Oasis Resort in Bang Po, or The Spa at Lamai Beach. These two establishments specialise in delicious vegetarian cuisine.

### **American Grill**

The Siam Bar and Grill is the best supper club on Samui. Imported New Zealand steaks, burgers and sandwiches are complemented by a fantastic soup and salad bar. Nightly entertainment is provided by some of the island's best acts, including a local troupe of female mud-wrestlers.





## Dining Out Guide

Koh Samui offers you a myriad of fine dining establishments to satisfy the most discerning of palates.

Plenty of sweet, sour, salty and spicy ingredients in the local Thai cuisine to mouth watering seafood, succulent grills, Mediterranean specialties, Japanese sashimi, east meets west fusion, Italian, French, English, American, Mexican, Indian, Brazilian and the list goes on so ...

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### Bophut

| Location                  | Type of Food       | Tel Number  |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Alla Baia                 | Italian            | 0-7724-5566 |
| Angela's Harbourside Cafe | European           | 0-7742-7212 |
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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Captain Kirk        | Mediterranean                     | 01-2705376               |
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| Fisherman's Village | Seafood                           | 0-7742-7192              |
| Gringo's Cantina    | Mexican                           | 0-7741-3267              |
| Il Mulino           | Italian Bakery                    | 0-7723-0062              |
| Majic Light         | Swiss / European                  |                          |
| Noori               | Indian                            | 0-7741-3600              |
| Poppies             | International /<br>Seafood / Thai | 0-7742-2419              |
| SITCA               | Thai                              | 0-7741-3172              |
| Spice Island        | Thai                              | 0-7723-0500<br>Ext. 4950 |
| The Irish Embassy   | International                     | 0-7741-3871              |
| The Islander        | English                           |                          |
| Three Monkeys       | International                     | 0-7742-2584              |
| Tropical Murphy's   | International                     | 0-7741-3614              |
| Zico's              | Brazilian Grill & Bar             | 0-7723-1560              |

## Lamai

| Location         | Type of Food   | Tel Number  |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Kung Yai         | Thai           | 09-5916201  |
| Pizza Garden     | Italian Pizza  | 0-7723-0377 |
| Salathai         | Thai           | 0-7723-3180 |
| Siam Bar & Grill | American Grill | 0-7723-2310 |
| The Spa Resort   | Vegetarian     | 0-7723-0855 |

## Bang Po

| Location               | Type of Food | Tel Number  |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Health Oasis<br>Resort | Vegetarian   | 0-7742-0124 |

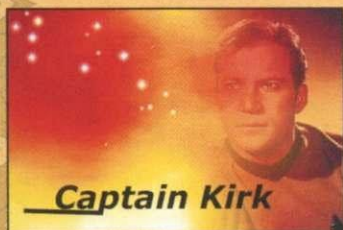
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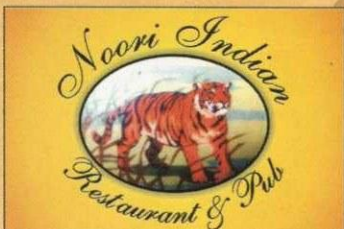
## *Fisherman's Village*

Located at the Oriental Samui Resort on Big Buddha Beach, the Fisherman's Village allows you to choose your live seafood directly from their aquariums ensuring that you'll find no fresher Seafood on the island. Tel: 077-427-192.



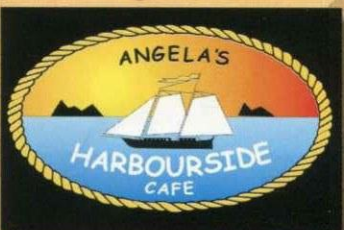
## *Noori Indian Restaurant & Pub*

For a truly authentic Indian meal, there is only one place to go and that is the Noori Indian Restaurant. The chef, with over 40 years experience, will create mouth-watering delights from India and the Middle East. Happy hour from 11am to 6 pm. Chang or Singha beer only 35B. Tel: 077-413-600 or 09-871-2065.



## *Angela's Harbourside Cafe*

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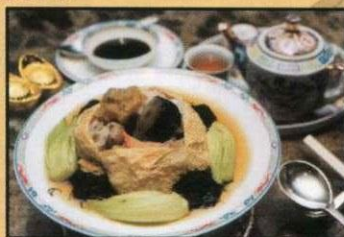
## *Siam Bar & Grill*

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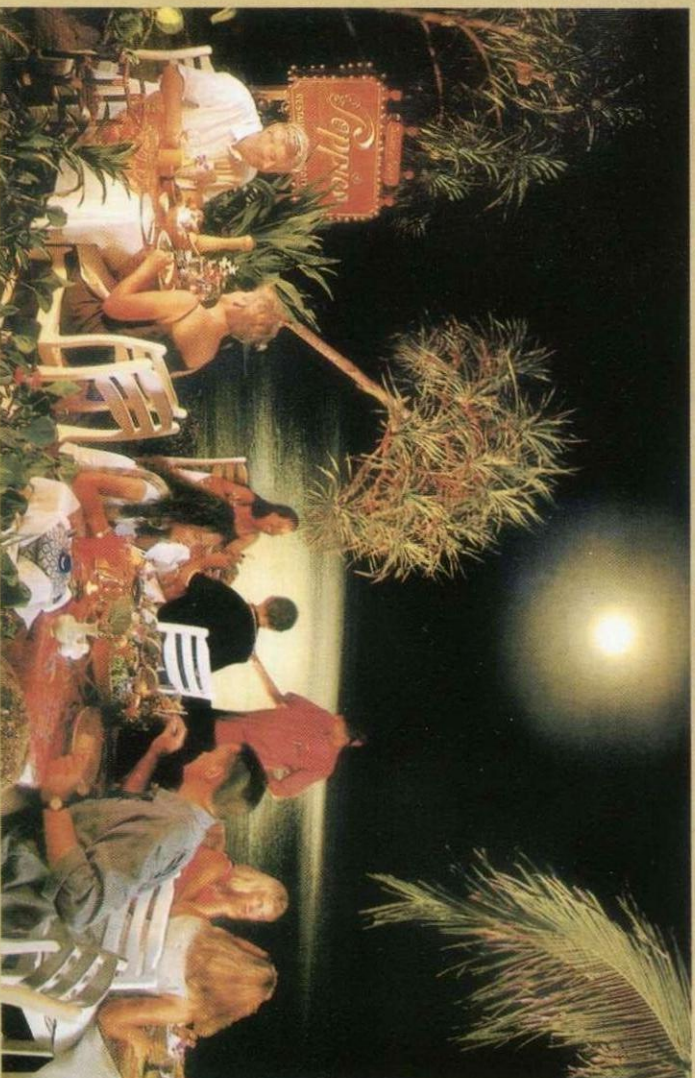
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## *The History Of Poppies*



Poppies has firmly established itself as the boutique hotel of choice on Samui. Now nine years old, Poppies is the baby sister of its famous namesake in Bali.

The same design concept for buildings and landscape was applied and after a lengthy construction period, the hotel finally opened its doors in 1994 with 24 Thai style cottages and a beachfront restaurant. The narrow land, which sloped in part way from the beach, presented a particular challenge which was overcome with an elaborate design enabling cottages to be built above the lobby and still face towards the beach.

The layout of the cottages and gardens and the design of the rock swimming pool are based to a great extent on those of Poppies Bali, though the actual building style is Thai. Much emphasis was placed on obtaining traditional Thai building materials such as teak and other hardwoods, unglazed roof tiles, hand made ceramics and local fabrics. The pathways were designed to allow maximum privacy for each cottage and the bathrooms have their own open-air garden.

The solid wood restaurant pavilion, with carved teak gables, was built in Ayuthaya, the old capital of Siam, and assembled in Samui. To help maintain the peace and quiet of the site, staff reach the kitchen via a specially constructed tunnel beneath the cottages.

85 highly trained staff, under the leadership of Mike Holehouse, General Manager, now pamper to the whims of guests from all corners of the world.

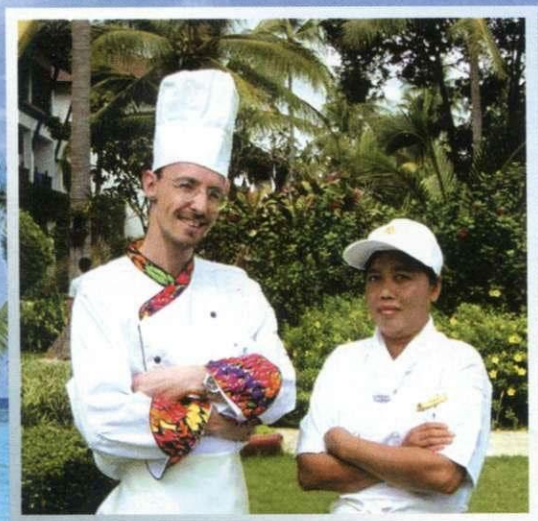
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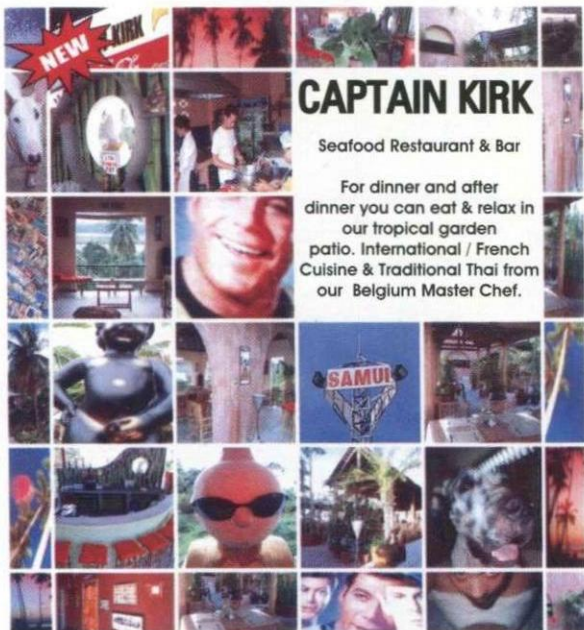
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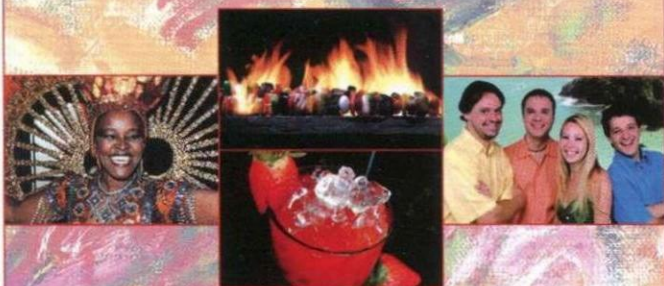
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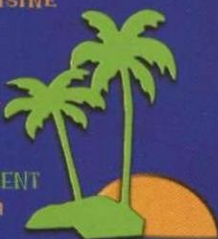


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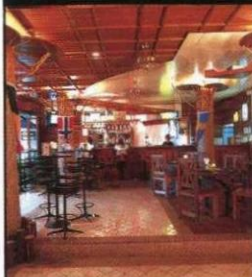




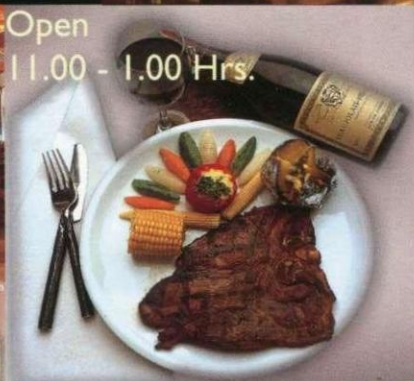
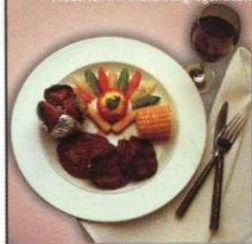
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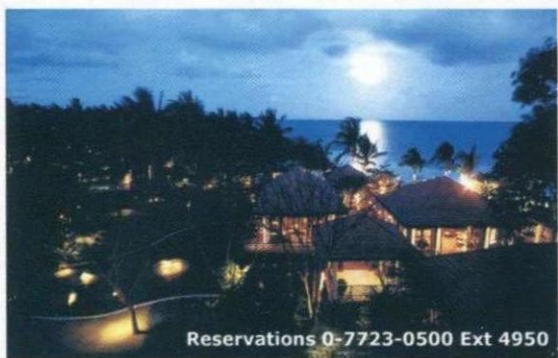
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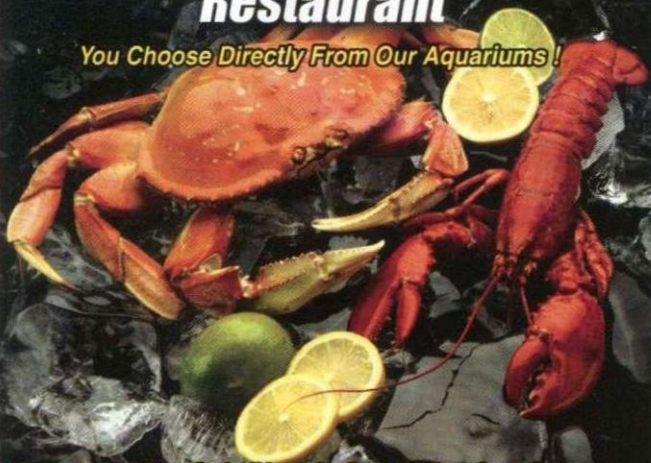
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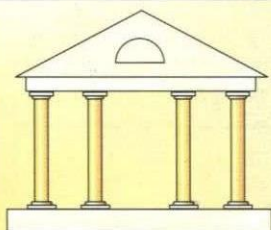
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### **Kung Yai**

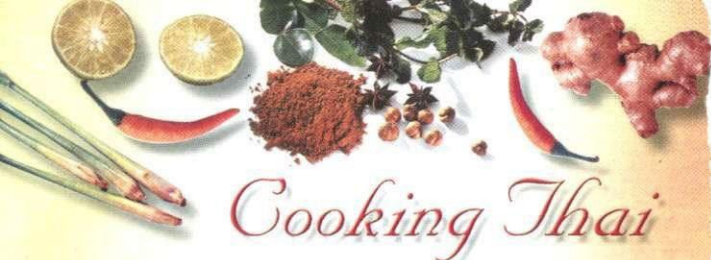
Located opposite the Magic Resort in Lamai, Kung Yai is a traditional Thai restaurant specializing in seafood dishes. A great place to come and relax and experience local food, especially Tom Yam Talay which is one of the best on the island. Kung Yai also caters for large groups who want to try a little bit of everything and share like traditional Thai families. Being a family run business all you have to do is ask as nothing is too much trouble. If you're not used to eating real spicy food then just ask the chef to keep the chilies to a minimum and you'll still receive the sweet, sour, salty combinations with just a touch of chili that makes Thai cuisine so special. Open Midday to Midnight Tel: 09-5916201.

### **Salathai**

Located on the Main through road across from the Full Moon Bar, Sala Thai offers authentic Thai food, seafood, steak, pasta and pizza. Their Seafood is always fresh and you'll find them highly recommended by the locals. Tel: 077-233180 Open: 16:00-23.30 Price Range: 200 to 400 for two persons.

### **The Pizza Garden**

Attention Pizza lovers! The Pizza Garden is one of the best pizzerias on the island. They are popular among insiders and tourists alike because of their thin crispy crust and the great authentic taste made from the finest blend of Italian spices and herbs. They also serve homemade Lasagne, Ravioli, Canneloni, Spaghetti al dente, Tiramisu, Italian ice-cream, Espresso, Capuccino etc. Their cosy restaurant is set in a tropical garden with an idyllic atmosphere away from the busy centers. Located North of Lamai near the Royal Blue Lagoon. It's the perfect stop on your island tour. European management. Open daily from 13:00 to 22:00 Tel: 077-230377



### **The Blue Banana**

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### **SITCA**

The Samui Institute of Thai Culinary Arts (SITCA) was featured on the BBC and is recommended by the Lonely Planet and many other guide books. Their daily Thai cooking classes are completely hands on in their fully equipped modern and spacious air-conditioned teaching facility. The menus change daily so you can join them on as many days as you wish and all students may invite a guest to join them at mealtime at no extra charge. Most of their recipes can be adapted for vegetarians so don't worry on that accord. If you're keen to learn more then you can learn the art of decorative fruit carving with their award winning master carver or you might just want to visit their culinary shop to purchase the complete range of dried herbs, spices, cookbooks and accessories. For more information call: 077-413172

### **Health Oasis Resort**

At the Health Oasis Resort they have been teaching the art of Thai Cooking for many years but with an added twist. Healthy living goes hand in hand with a healthy diet. Learn how to prepare healthy and delicious Thai and Vegetarian food to promote longevity and well-being. For more information call: 077-420124





# Important Telephone Numbers

## Police Telephone Numbers

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Tourist Police | 077-421-281 |
| Emergency      | 1155        |
| Nathon         | 077-421-095 |
| Chaweng        | 077-422-067 |
| Lamai          | 077-424-068 |
| Maenam         | 077-425-070 |
| Bophut         | 077-425-071 |

## Useful Telephone Numbers

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Samui Rescue                  | 077-421-444 |
| Immigration Office            | 077-421-069 |
| Ferry (Donsak)                | 077-371-205 |
| Airport, Samui                | 077-425-012 |
| Airport, Bangkok              | 02-535-1111 |
| Tourism Authority of Thailand | 077-420-504 |
| Samui Dog Rescue              | 077-413-490 |

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| Amex            | 02-272-0020 |
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| Bangkok Bank              | 077-421-105 |
| Bank of Ayudhaya          | 077-420-176 |
| Thai Military Bank        | 077-420-360 |
| Siam Commercial Bank      | 077-420-186 |
| Thai Farmers Bank         | 077-421-200 |
| Siam City Bank            | 077-421-110 |
| Bangkok Metropolitan Bank | 077-420-277 |
| Krung Thai Bank           | 077-421-503 |
| Government Savings Bank   | 077-421-119 |

## Hospitals

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Bandon International Hospital | 077-425-382   |
| Dive Recompression Chamber    | 077-427-427   |
| Samui Hospital                | 077-421-230   |
| Samui International           | 077-230-781-2 |

## Travel Consultants

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## Frog & Gecko Pub Quiz Answers

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| 1. Nevada               | 9. A Crash      |
| 2. Horse                | 10. Switzerland |
| 3. Sigourney Weaver     | 11. The Harp    |
| 4. Baritone             | 12. Narcissus   |
| 5. Don Muang            | 13. Kathmandu   |
| 6. Barometer            | 14. Orange      |
| 7. American Football    | 15. Lungs       |
| 8. Santas Little Helper |                 |



# Medical Facilities

Koh Samui has three hospitals, two privately run and one government hospital in Nathon. The Samui International Hospital (SIH) located in Chaweng Beach opposite the Muang Kulaypan Hotel is connected to most medical assistance companies for emergency flights to Bangkok if you are in the unfortunate position to require evacuation. They are also linked by a 24 hour service to many hotels if you fall unexpectedly ill. The language barrier is not really an issue because at SIH they have European Claims co-ordinators and English speaking doctors.

Hyperbaric Services of Thailand operate the local recompression center and have US, English and Australian Dive Medics. There is also trained Dive Medical Officers at the Bandon and Samui International Hospitals. If you suspect that you are suffering from a pressure related dive illnesses then do not hesitate to call them on 077-427427. If the call is out of hours this emergency number will direct you the Duty Dive Medics Mobile Phone Number.

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21 Yrs USAF  
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Hyperbarics International  
Key Largo, Florida



## Technical Assistant

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## The Doctors ...

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Samui International Hospital

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Trained at Diving Emergency Services  
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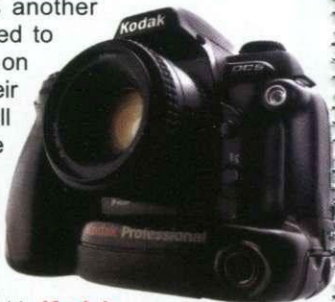
This section of our publication deals with the different services available to those looking to arrange transport, get the lowdown of what's on offer and where they can go to get those moments captured on film properly developed.



## **Budget Rent a Car**

has a strong presence on the island and for those of you wishing to rent any form of transport, definitely worth considering. Their fleet of well-maintained & insured vehicles affords you and your loved ones desirable protection against Samui's erratic and unskilled road users.

**Bank Mart Car Rental** is another bona fide outfit that is prepared to offer you insured Jeep Rental on Koh Samui. They'll even drop their jeeps off at your hotel. Just call them on 077-230380 for more information.



Most popular brands of film are available in Samui and one hour processing is common.

The best operation on the island is **Kodak Saver Mart**. They have the only Digital Minilab using Kodak DLS software management. Kodak Saver Mart, located next to McDonald's in Chaweng, offers express processing of normal or APS film. Digital to print, film to print, digital to CD and film to CD. Print from slide, passport photos, photocopying and laminating.



## **Travel Solutions**

If you need help with local, regional or international travel arrangements then make it a point to visit Travel Solutions, a one-stop travel centre in the heart of Chaweng. Located right on the beach next to the Ark Bar their office offers a relaxing







environment and both English and Thai staff eager to meet your every travel need. Travel Solutions' reputation for being helpful and reliable has allowed them to form creative and effective partnerships extending beyond Thailand and out through South East Asia.

These partnerships include contracts with: Hotels and resorts of all styles and budgets, a multitude of diving operations, all international airlines (including online booking) & local tour operators (bus, train, tours, taxis, boats). This allows them to offer competitive rates as well as being able to assist with visa applications to most South East Asian countries as well. Hence, whatever your travel needs from a simple domestic flight through to a highly personalized itinerary, they are able to accommodate you.

Travel Solutions, recommended by **Lonely Planet** also offers a wide variety of tours on and beyond Samui including kayaking, snorkeling, elephant trekking, mountain biking & fishing trips "making a point" to experience all tours before recommending them & using only the most reliable operators.

If you're having trouble choosing between diving operations Travel Solutions are happy to provide a consultancy aimed to put your needs first and not that of the dive companies.

To sum it up, Travel Solutions supplies all of this and the usual telephone and fax services with beachside internet facilities to top it off. Of course, if you simply want some travel advice on your future travel plans or whilst you are traveling, they are more than happy to answer your queries.

To find them simply head down to the beach before Pizza Hut on Chaweng Beach Road. To contact them by phone please call: 077-230706 or 01-8926520. On the web you'll find them at [info@travelsolutions.co.th](mailto:info@travelsolutions.co.th)



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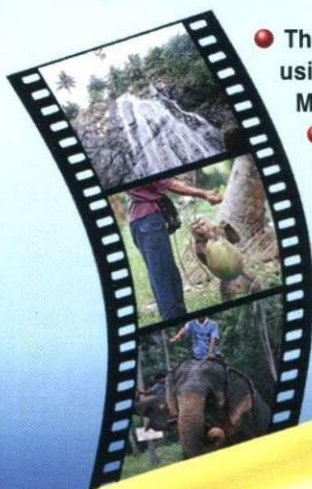
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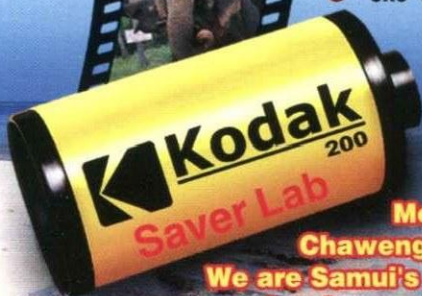




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# The Samui

## Accommodation Guide

### Introduction

Many people ask us where is the best place on the island to stay and I will always answer that depends on what it is that you want to do on your holiday. For example: do you want to be surrounded by all the fun, action and excitement or do you want to stay in quiet tranquil surroundings?

If you plan on being mobile then your options are wide. You can seclude yourself away in one of the island's small sandy coves nestled amongst the huge granite outcroppings & commute to the main tourist beaches or you can settle right down amongst the noise and bustle and drive to get away from it. Either way, being mobile will allow you to get where you want to go with relative ease.

### Seaview Paradise

A Great Place to Stay is the Seaview Paradise above Lamai Beach. A peaceful mountainside retreat with idyllic views of the surrounding ocean, beach, valleys, mountains and conveniently located only 600 meters from exceptionally scenic Lamai Bay.

The estate has a total of ten vacation chalets available on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Guests may choose between four spacious (75-85 square meters) one bedroom units, two larger (100-135 square meters) two bedroom units, and even a 170 square meter four bedroom three bathroom unit. Each Chalet is fitted with all the modern conveniences and a fully equipped kitchen. Outdoor living is enhanced by large spacious open-air covered decks, and the two bedroom units feature special upper level open air covered relaxation areas.

All Chalets take maximum advantage of stunning views of the surrounding vistas. They achieve a sense of privacy and well being by being strategically spaced on the mountain between huge boulders and amongst natural coconut trees. Furthermore these boulders and trees are integrated into the Chalets with boulders acting as walls and coconut trees growing through decks.

Located in the vicinity of Lamai. Take the main Samui "Ring Road" to Lamai and to the Spa Resort. After reaching the Spa Resort turn inland on the concrete government road. Follow the signs inland about 700 meters and see the Estate on the right. Tel: 01-9562184 for more information.



## The Sea Breeze Bungalows

Located directly on the beautiful Lamai beach this is a friendly family run business offering a range of bungalows and facilities. Prices range from 150B-400B for rooms with a fan and 700 to 1,500 Baht for rooms with air-conditioning. The resort has a restaurant and a beach side bar. Other facilities include a travel agency available to answer all your tour and travel enquiries. Staying here will give you an experience of Thailand that you will always remember and be looking forward to coming back next year where you are sure to receive a warm welcome. For more information please call: 077-424258 or Fax: 077-232173

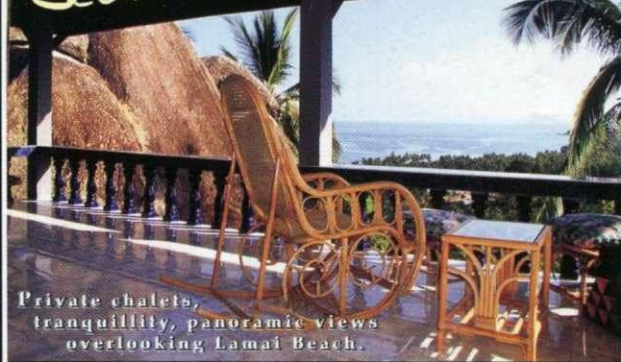
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## Seaview Paradise



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## **Samui Bayview Villa & Resort**

High on the green hills overlooking Samui's Chaweng Beach, the Samui Bayview boasts the most spectacular location on the island. The rooms have all the facilities you would expect from a luxury resort including air-con, Satellite TV, refrigerator, IDD telephone and hot water. Complementing the breathtaking outlook from the balcony of each of the 50 rooms are four free-form swimming pools that virtually hang over the mountainside - so beautiful that they become part of the majestic background. These pools, with a sheer 30-metre drop to Chaweng Bay, offer even swimmers a spectacular view.

The hotel's popular restaurant is not only renowned throughout Samui for its panoramic views, but also for its sumptuous food. Evening guest may choose from both local and international cuisine, while enjoying the show of lights glittering across the water from Chaweng or enjoy the moon shimmering on the sea like a carpet of diamonds. In addition, the hotel also has an exercise room and sauna, a 500 metre ring road ideal for jogging or just a gentle stroll and even an Art Gallery, with reasonable prices. There is also a complimentary beach shuttle bus to Samui Laguna Resort at Lamai beach. For more information Tel: 0-7741-3540-6, Fax: 0-7741-3321 or view our website at: [www.thailandhotels.net/samuibayview.htm](http://www.thailandhotels.net/samuibayview.htm)

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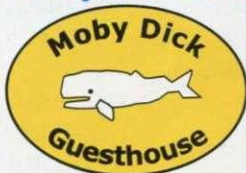
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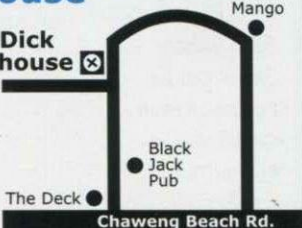
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| Axolotl Village              | Bang Po               | 0-7742-0017           |
| Ban Tai Resort               | Bang Po               | 0-1979-6582           |
| <b>Health Oasis Resort</b>   | <b>Bang Po</b>        | <b>0-7742-0124-5</b>  |
| Natural Wing                 | Bang Po               | 0-7742-1368           |
| Santi Thani                  | Bang Po               | 0-7723-6463           |
| Bang Po Village              | Bang Po               | 0-7742-0120           |
| Chalee Bungalows             | Big Buddha            | 0-7742-5035           |
| Como's Bungalow              | Big Buddha            | 0-7742-5210           |
| Nara Garden Beach Resort     | Big Buddha            | 0-7742-5364           |
| No. 1 Bungalow               | Big Buddha            | 0-7742-5446           |
| <b>Oriental Samui Resort</b> | <b>Big Buddha</b>     | <b>0-7742-7192</b>    |
| Pong Petch Servotel          | Big Buddha            | 0-7724-5100-7         |
| Sand View                    | Big Buddha            | 0-7742-5438           |
| Secret Garden                | Big Buddha            | 0-7742-5419           |
| Fontana Resort               | Bophut                | 0-7742-7336-9         |
| Gecko Village                | Bophut                | 0-7724-5554           |
| Lodge, The                   | Bophut                | 0-7742-5337           |
| Samui Euphoria               | Bophut                | 0-7742-5100           |
| Samui Palm Beach Resort      | Bophut                | 0-7742-5494           |
| Samui Paradise Bayfront      | Bophut                | 0-7724-5547           |
| Sandy Resort                 | Bophut                | 0-7742-5353-4         |
| World Resort                 | Bophut                | 0-7742-5355-6         |
| Blue Lotus Hotel             | Chaweng               | 0-1845-7894           |
| City Hotel                   | Chaweng               | 0-7742-2345           |
| Coral Bay Resort             | Chaweng               | 0-7742-2223-4         |
| Baan Chaweng Resort          | Chaweng Center        | 0-7723-0310           |
| Baan Samui Resort            | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2415           |
| Best Beach Bungalow          | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2410           |
| Chaba Samui Resort           | Chaweng Center        | 0-7723-0407           |
| Charles Hut                  | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2343           |
| Chaweng Beachcomber          | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2041-3         |
| Chaweng Buri Resort          | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2465-6         |
| Chaweng Garden Beach         | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2265           |
| <b>Chaweng Regent</b>        | <b>Chaweng Center</b> | <b>0-7742-2008-10</b> |
| Chaweng Villa                | Chaweng Center        | 0-7723-1123-4         |
| Coconut Resort               | Chaweng Center        | 0-7723-1157           |
| Evergreen Resort             | Chaweng Center        | 0-7723-0051           |
| Island Resort, The           | Chaweng Center        | 0-7723-0751-3         |
| King's Bungalow              | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2304           |
| Malibu Beach Club            | Chaweng Center        | 0-7723-1197           |
| Mercure Resort               | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2472           |
| <b>Moby Dick Guest House</b> | <b>Chaweng Center</b> | <b>0-7741-3107</b>    |
| Montien House                | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2169           |
| P & P Samui Resort           | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2540           |
| Samui Coral Resort           | Chaweng Center        | 0-7723-1005           |
| Samui Country Resort         | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2186           |
| Samui Royal Beach Resort     | Chaweng Center        | 0-7742-2154-5         |



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| Silver Sand Resort                | Chaweng Center       | 0-7723-1202-4        |
| Tropical House                    | Chaweng Center       | 0-7742-2169          |
| Viking Hut                        | Chaweng Center       | 0-7741-3304          |
| Blue Horizon Bungalows            | Chaweng Noi          | 0-7742-2426          |
| Coral Cove Chalet                 | Chaweng Noi          | 0-7742-2260-1        |
| Fair House Beach Resort, The      | Chaweng Noi          | 0-7742-2255-6        |
| Hi Coral Cove                     | Chaweng Noi          | 0-7742-2495          |
| Imperial Samui Hotel, The         | Chaweng Noi          | 0-7742-2020          |
| Pong Petch Guestotel              | Chaweng Noi          | 0-7723-0473-4        |
| <b>Samui Bay View Villa</b>       | <b>Chaweng Noi</b>   | <b>0-7741-3540-6</b> |
| Victorian Resort & Hotel, The     | Chaweng Noi          | 0-7742-2011-4        |
| Amari Palm Reef Resort            | Chaweng North        | 0-7742-2015-18       |
| Chaba Cabana Beach Resort         | Chaweng North        | 0-7723-0771-2        |
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| Chaweng Blue Lagoon               | Chaweng North        | 0-7742-2037-40       |
| Chaweng Pearl Cabana              | Chaweng North        | 0-7742-2116          |
| Corto Maltese                     | Chaweng North        | 0-7723-0041          |
| Family Bungalow                   | Chaweng North        | 0-7742-2470          |
| I.K.K. Resort                     | Chaweng North        | 0-7742-2482-3        |
| Lagoon Cottages                   | Chaweng North        | 0-1979-4740          |
| Marine Bungalow                   | Chaweng North        | 0-7742-2416          |
| Matlang Resort                    | Chaweng North        | 0-7742-2172          |
| Muang Kulay Pan Hotel             | Chaweng North        | 0-7742-2305          |
| O.P. Bungalow                     | Chaweng North        | 0-7742-2424-5        |
| Papillon Resort                   | Chaweng North        | 0-7723-1169          |
| Relax Resort                      | Chaweng North        | 0-7742-2475          |
| Samui Island Resort               | Chaweng North        | 0-7742-2355          |
| Samui Ntien Resort                | Chaweng North        | 0-7723-1340-9        |
| Baan Talay Resort                 | Chaweng South        | 0-7741-3555-8        |
| Central Bay Resort                | Chaweng South        | 0-7742-2118-9        |
| <b>Central Samui Beach Resort</b> | <b>Chaweng South</b> | <b>0-7723-0500</b>   |
| Chaweng Cabana                    | Chaweng South        | 0-7742-2377          |
| Chaweng Cove Resotel              | Chaweng South        | 0-7723-0642          |
| Chaweng Resort                    | Chaweng South        | 0-7742-2230-1        |
| Deja Vu                           | Chaweng South        | 0-7723-0703          |
| First Bungalow                    | Chaweng South        | 0-7742-2327          |
| <b>Lucky Home Resort</b>          | <b>Chaweng South</b> | <b>0-1728-5582</b>   |
| Poppies                           | Chaweng South        | 0-7742-2419          |
| <b>Princess Village, The</b>      | <b>Chaweng South</b> | <b>0-7742-2216</b>   |
| Samui Paradise                    | Chaweng South        | 0-7723-0294          |
| Samui Resotel (Munchies)          | Chaweng South        | 0-7742-2374          |
| Seascape Beach Resort             | Chaweng South        | 0-7723-1224          |
| Sea Side Bungalow                 | Chaweng South        | 0-7742-2364-5        |
| Tradewinds Resort                 | Chaweng South        | 0-7723-0602-4        |
| Bay View Village                  | Choeng Mon           | 0-7723-0911          |
| Beach Front Bungalow              | Choeng Mon           | 0-7742-5404          |
| Chong Mon Bungalow                | Choeng Mon           | 0-7742-5372          |

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| <b>Imperial Boat House, The</b>  | <b>Choeng Mon</b> | <b>0-7742-5041</b>    |
| Island View                      | Choeng Mon        | 0-7742-5080           |
| Samui Tongson Resort             | Choeng Mon        | 0-7723-0799           |
| <b>Tongsai Bay Cottages, The</b> | <b>Choeng Mon</b> | <b>0-7742-5015-28</b> |
| <b>White House, The</b>          | <b>Choeng Mon</b> | <b>0-7724-5315-7</b>  |
| Rocky Resort                     | Hua Thanon        | 0-7742-4326           |
| Samui Marina Cottage             | Hua Thanon        | 0-7723-3394-6         |
| Samui Orchid Resort              | Hua Thanon        | 0-7742-4017-8         |
| Wanna Samui Resort               | Hua Thanon        | 0-7723-2130           |
| <b>Central Samui Village</b>     | <b>Laem Set</b>   | <b>0-7742-4020-22</b> |
| Aloha Resort                     | Lamai             | 0-7742-4014-6         |
| Baan Thai Resort                 | Lamai             | 0-7742-4317           |
| Bay View Resort                  | Lamai             | 0-7741-8429           |
| Best Resort                      | Lamai             | 0-7723-3341           |
| Bill Resort                      | Lamai             | 0-7742-4403           |
| Chinda House                     | Lamai             | 0-7723-3224           |
| Coconut Beach Resort             | Lamai             | 0-7742-4209           |
| Galaxy Resort                    | Lamai             | 0-7742-4441           |
| Golden Sand Beach Resort         | Lamai             | 0-7742-4431-2         |
| Green Canyon                     | Lamai             | 0-7742-4292           |
| Jungle Park Resort               | Lamai             | 0-7741-8034-7         |
| Lamai Chalet                     | Lamai             | 0-7723-3232           |
| Lamai Coconut Resort             | Lamai             | 0-7723-2169           |
| Lamai Inn 99                     | Lamai             | 0-7742-4427           |
| Lamai Pearl Resort               | Lamai             | 0-7742-4294           |
| Lamai Resort                     | Lamai             | 0-7742-4124           |
| Long Island Resort               | Lamai             | 0-7742-4202           |
| Marina Bungalow                  | Lamai             | 0-7723-3116           |
| Marina Villa                     | Lamai             | 0-7742-4426           |
| Mira Mare Resort                 | Lamai             | 0-7742-4262           |
| New Hut                          | Lamai             | 0-7723-0473           |
| New Weekender Villa              | Lamai             | 0-7742-4116           |
| Nice Resort 1                    | Lamai             | 0-7742-4432           |
| No Name                          | Lamai             | 0-7723-1052           |
| Noi Bungalow                     | Lamai             | 0-7723-3134           |
| Palm Resort                      | Lamai             | 0-7742-4297           |
| Paradise Bungalow                | Lamai             | 0-7742-4290           |
| Pavilion Resort, The             | Lamai             | 0-7742-4420           |
| Royal Blue Lagoon                | Lamai             | 0-7742-4086           |
| Samui Beach Resort               | Lamai             | 0-7742-4033           |
| Samui Laguna Resort              | Lamai             | 0-7742-4215           |
| Samui Park Resort                | Lamai             | 0-7742-4008-10        |
| Sand Sea Resort                  | Lamai             | 0-7742-4026           |
| <b>Sea Breeze Bungalow</b>       | <b>Lamai</b>      | <b>0-7742-4258</b>    |
| <b>Seaview Paradise</b>          | <b>Lamai</b>      | <b>0-1956-2184</b>    |
| Som Thong Resort                 | Lamai             | 0-7742-4156           |
| <b>Spa, The</b>                  | <b>Lamai</b>      | <b>0-7723-0855</b>    |



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|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Starbay Beach and Gardens   | Lamai             | 0-7742-4546        |
| Sukasame                    | Lamai             | 0-7742-4119        |
| Sunrise Bungalows           | Lamai             | 0-7742-4433        |
| Tapee Bungalow              | Lamai             | 0-7742-4096        |
| Utopia Bungalow             | Lamai             | 0-7723-3113        |
| Wanchai                     | Lamai             | 0-7742-4296        |
| Weekender Resort and Hotel  | Lamai             | 0-7742-4429        |
| <b>Weekender Villa</b>      | <b>Lamai</b>      | <b>0-7742-4116</b> |
| White Sand Resort           | Lamai             | 0-7742-4298        |
| International Bungalows     | Lipa Noi          | 0-7742-3025        |
| Lipa Lodge                  | Lipa Noi          | 0-7742-3028        |
| Anong Villa                 | Mae Nam           | 0-7724-7256        |
| Calm Beach Resort           | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5375        |
| Chokchai House              | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5241        |
| Cleopatra Palace            | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5486        |
| Home Bay Resort             | Mae Nam           | 0-7724-7241-5      |
| Mae Nam Resort              | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5116        |
| Mae Nam Villa               | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5501        |
| Naplarn Villa               | Mae Nam           | 0-7724-7047        |
| Nature Bungalow             | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5201        |
| Palm-Point Village          | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5095        |
| Paradise Beach Resort       | Mae Nam           | 0-7724-7227-32     |
| Peace Bungalow              | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5357        |
| Phalarn Inn 33              | Mae Nam           | 0-7724-7111        |
| Santiburi Resort            | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5031-8      |
| Sea Fan                     | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5204-5      |
| Seafan Beach Resort         | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5204-5      |
| Shady Shack                 | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5391        |
| Shady Shack Bungalows       | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5392        |
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| Smile House                 | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5361        |
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| Summer Night                | Mae Nam           | 0-7724-5288        |
| Zazen Bungalows             | Mae Nam           | 0-7742-5085        |
| Dumrong Town Hotel          | Nathon            | 0-7742-0359        |
| Garden Home                 | Nathon            | 0-7742-1311        |
| Jinta Residence             | Nathon            | 0-7723-3224        |
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| Sea View Hotel              | Nathon            | 0-7742-1481        |
| Win Hotel                   | Nathon            | 0-7742-1500-1      |
| Samui Silver Beach Resort   | Silver Beach      | 0-7742-2478        |
| Samui Yacht Club            | Silver Beach      | 0-7742-2225-6      |
| Tong Ta Kian Villa          | Silver Beach      | 0-7723-0978        |
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| Coconut Villa               | Thong Krut        | 0-7742-3151        |
| Tamarind Retreat Tropical   |                   |                    |
| Villas & Spa                | Thong Takian      | 0-7742-4436        |

# Shopping

Koh Samui offers its visitors a wide range of shopping choices. Depending on what you're interested in you can make decent purchases on Arts & Antiques, Gold & Gems and Tailor Made Clothes.

You can find all the usual holiday souvenirs associated with Thailand and if you keep your eyes open, shop wisely, you might even find something far more unique, a treasure that would be a constant reminder of your stay here in the 'land of smiles'.

There are so many ways to take a little part of the Orient home with you. How about a hand-woven silk piece & loom for your wall or an original Burmese painting? You could enrich your home with a beautiful piece of Burmese Lacquerware or a traditionally made Plantation Chair, all ideas that bring lasting pleasure and a true taste of the Orient.

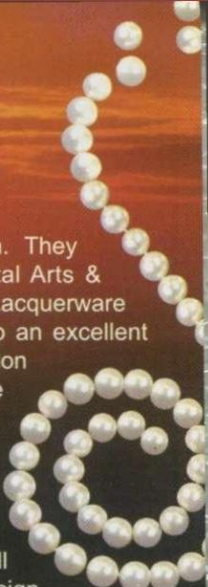
For those seeking these real treasures there are small boutiques dotted around the island offering well made arts and crafts, quality silks, original paintings, handcrafted furniture and the real treasures of the Orient, Thai and Burmese Arts and Antiques.

Buying from a reputable dealer is essential, particularly where Antiques are concerned. It can be hard to tell the difference between reproductions, factory-made or original objects so make sure the shop advises you appropriately. Also think about how to get things home, particularly the larger items, you should ask if the business you're dealing with offers packing, delivery and shipping services.

## **Oriental Arts and Antiques**

Undoubtedly the best place to find these treasures are at the Oriental





Gallery & Grand Cafe in Chaweng Beach. They have a fine selection of original Oriental Arts & Antiques, Burmese Paintings, Burmese Lacquerware and Teakwood Furniture. They are also an excellent source of in-depth knowledge and information on Thai and Burmese art and can arrange or advise on worldwide shipping.

### **Gold & Gems**

If you are in the market for gold and gems then Jazzy Gems in central Chaweng is the only place to buy. You will be amazed at the variety, quality and design of these pieces. All their pieces are handcrafted in their own factory and all come with a certificate of authenticity. Jazzy Gems is a member of the Thai institute of Gemology, has friendly knowledgeable and professional English speaking staff and can complete custom made pieces in 2 to 5 days.

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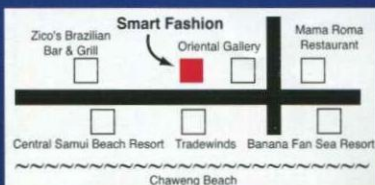
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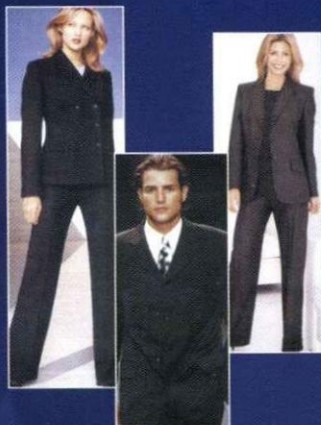
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|--------|---------------|------|------|
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| PG 172 | Daily         | 1810 | 1940 |
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| FLIGHT | DAYS  | DEP  | ARR  |
|--------|-------|------|------|
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# Have you ever thought of taking up Scuba Diving?



You may never have contemplated taking up scuba diving in your life but let us look at some of the reasons why it's worth mulling over, especially now that you are here on Koh Samui.

In terms of safety you may be interested to know that PADI (the Professional Association of Scuba Diving Instructors) has recently released figures which show that diving is statistically safer than most sports and

definitely more so than motorcycle driving.

Aside from this, Koh Samui is also fortunate enough to have the services of Hyperbaric Services of Thailand's Recompression Chamber with British, Australian and US Dive Medics available for consultation on any issue regarding your fitness to dive. You can contact them on 077-427427.

One of the more common questions with regards to diving is not so much safety but rather money orientated. Is it expensive? Well that depends on your perspective. Prices for dive courses are pretty much the same the world over, however, in Thailand you'll get a much better rate than the average with a higher level of service.

Most professional dive operators offer introductory courses called Discover Scuba or the more involved Discover Scuba Diving. This course is PADI accredited





and can be used to go on and complete further dive education.

After first experiencing the thrills of breathing air underwater the majority of people will be keen to go on and complete their open water diving course. These courses average around the 10,000 to 12,000 Baht range.

The course lasts 4 days and includes two open water boat dives as well as confined water, pool and theory sessions.

This is around 75 US\$ per day. Don't haggle over the price. It is reasonable and just. The only thing you should concern yourself with is the type of service and personal attention you'll receive from your dive operator.

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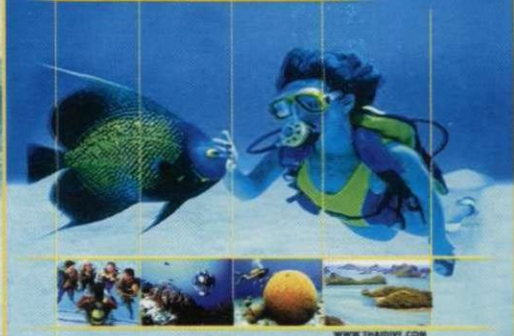
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# Sailing & Kayaking

Koh Samui is a water sports paradise with the base ingredients of sea, sun, sand and surf. There are many activities that you can participate in such as jet skiing, paragliding or banana boat riding but most people find that any power craft operating close to shore is invasive and dangerous.

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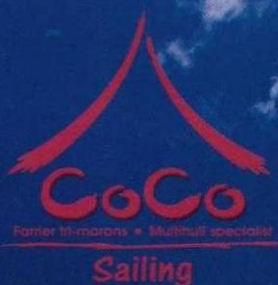


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If you're up for getting wet, then Samui Ocean Sports run by German expatriate Kunta offers you the full range of water sports activities right in the center of Chaweng Beach. On the beach right in front of the Chaweng Regent Hotel, Kunta's team provides you with all the equipment & years of experience. They have kayaks, windsurfers, catamarans and even a sail boat available for charter. If you don't know how to sail, then let Kunta teach you. The basics are rudimentary and he'll have you up and going in no time. Call him on 01-9401999.

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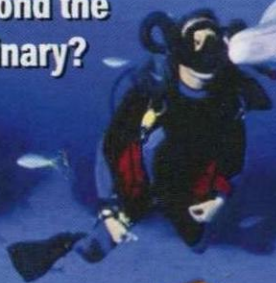
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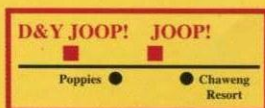
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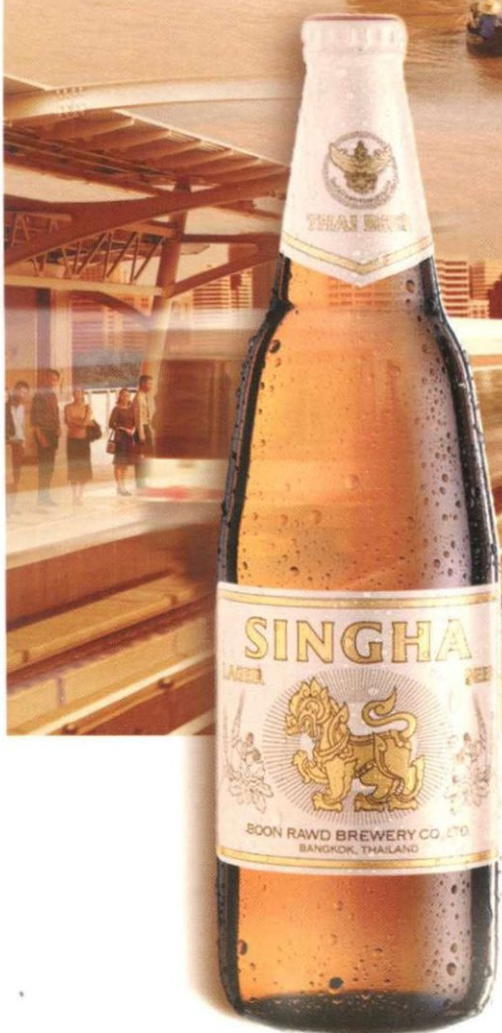
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